# Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



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## **September 21, 2025**

#### **Parish Mission Statement**

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

> Adopted by the Parish Council August 10, 2021

#### MASS SCHEDULE

5:15 PM - Anticipated Mass on Saturday **Sunday:** 

in the Cathedral Basilica

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Mass in

the Cathedral Basilica

12:30 PM - Spanish Mass in the

Cathedral Chapel

(Misa en español, en la Capilla)

6:30 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM - Mass in the

Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

**Holy Days:** See website

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in the Basilica **Sunday:** 

12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in the Basilica 4:15 PM in the Basilica **Saturday:** 

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE. SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK, AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

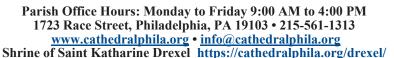
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# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 21, 2025

"Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." Cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9 Alleluia, alleluia.



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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September 20	Saturday St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang &
12:05 5:15	Companions Benjamin De Felice, Sr. For vocations to the Holy Priesthood
September 21	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 9:30	For the People of the Parish For vocations to the Consecrated Life
11:00	Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilarians 2025
12:30 6:30	Camila Jerónimo For peace in the world and the city
September 22	Monday, Weekday
7:15	For vocations to the Holy
12:05	Priesthood Colette Kent
September 23	
September 20	St. Pius of Pietrelcina
7:15	For vocations to the Consecrated Life
12:05	Alfred E. Schuyler
September 24	Wednesday, Weekday
7:15	For peace in the world and the city
12:05	Anna Maria Wolk
September 25 7:15	Thursday, Weekday For vocations to the Holy Priesthood
12:05	Madison Woltemate
September 26	
7:15	Sts. Cosmas & Damian For the intentions of
12:05	Christian L. Berardi Caroline V. Fedena
September 27	Saturday St. Vincent de Paul
12:05	For vocations to the Consecrated Life
5:15	For peace in the world and the city
September 28	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Harold & Rose Brumbaugh
11:00	Dolores Latibo Lloyd
12:30 6:30	Otilia Torres For vocations to the Holy
0.50	Priesthood

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. "No servant has two masters. [...] You cannot serve both God and mammon (Luke 16: 13)." The Lord is rather direct in his instruction to us with this Sunday's To live the Christian life without distraction, including the insidious distraction of sin, demands a singular focus in our lives. This focus keeps us in the company of the Lord. The focus must be God. God is our master. God, and not our riches, regardless of the form they take, must receive our complete and undistracted attention as Christians. This way of living the Christian life needs to be habitual and allowed to mature over time. This way of living the Christian life is the witness we must give to others, especially our families and friends. This Sunday as we hear the Lord's instruction to serve God alone let us reflect on how we do just this. Is prayer a part of my everyday routine? Do I examine my conscience Do I consider what the Gospel teaches, and the each evening? Commandments require in my daily choices? Do I regularly seek virtue over vice? Just how is God the master of my life, the focus of my life? God's grace is with us as we make him the focus of our Christian lives. Let us be confident in our decision to be a Christian disciple!

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia honors those in the Consecrated Life celebrating anniversaries of religious profession at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass today. These religious priests, Brothers and Sisters represent together thousands of years of living the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience in the service of God and his Church. Let us thank God for those in the Consecrated Life and for the many that have influenced our lives. Let us ask the Lord to provide urgently for more numerous vocations to the Consecrated Life in the Archdiocese. We are so grateful in our Cathedral Parish for the Consecrated Life and ministry of Dominican Father Matthew Carroll, of two Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma—Sister Marie Faustina and Sister Mary Raphael as well as our Parish Visitor of Mary Immaculate, Sister Mary Luchia.

Panhandlers are often attracted to gatherings at our Cathedral Basilica. I assure you that we have services available to assist the poor and homeless that frequent the Cathedral Basilica. Please do not give any money to the panhandlers inside or outside the Cathedral Basilica. If you are approached by a panhandler, please alert one of the parish priests or sacristans or greeters.

Invite a family member, a neighbor and/or a friend to join you for Holy Mass next Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica.

Please keep the intention for peace in our world, especially those parts most torn apart by war, in your prayers. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the liturgical music programs in the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <a href="http://cathedralphila.org/donate/">http://cathedralphila.org/donate/</a>.

God Bless!

Father Dennis Gill, Rector

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#### SACRED JUBILEE SITE

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel are designated Sacred Jubilee Sites for the Holy Year 2025.

From Dec 29, 2024 – Dec 28, 2025, pilgrims can receive a plenary indulgence by going to confession, being truly repentant, receive communion, go to Holy Mass, and praying for the Pope's intentions.

Take part in this special year of grace and hope!

#### CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-The Blessed Trinity: God the Holy Spirit

Thursday, September 25, 2025, 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Neumann Room

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, **anyone** interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at info@cathedralphila.org



Are you a talented cook looking for a part-time position? Do you know someone who is? We are seeking a dedicated and experienced part-time cook to join our team at the Cathedral Rectory.

#### **Position Details:**

Days: Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday evenings Location: Cathedral Rectory



https://cathedralphila.org/

## Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

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# PRAYER PARTICIPATION GENEROSITY

Be Strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God, is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Gracious and loving Lord,

May cool mornings invigorate our souls, and the crunch of leaves and fall breezes remind us that change is a blessing. May we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart, surrounded by your light, and find comfort in your consistency as the world around us is constantly changing. We praise you for being a God who loves us and takes care of us. We are grateful you are with us in all circumstances and seasons. Guide us to live with a giving heart, a generous heart and a grateful heart.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us. St. Katharine Drexel, Pray for us. And let us remember to pray for each other always!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

#### Your generosity on 9/14 was:

Regular \$5,703

Special 1,819 (to the Black and Indian Missions)

Electronic\* <u>2,626</u> Total \$10,148

\*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for August.
Thank you!

#### Thank you for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Deacon Burgos, email us at <a href="mailto:info@cathedralphila.org">info@cathedralphila.org</a> or call the office at 215561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill and he can help you register.
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
- Donate on-line at <a href="http://cathedralphila.org/donate">http://cathedralphila.org/donate</a> or scan this <a href="http://cathedralphila.org/donate">QR code:</a>

#### LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM Click Here,

or go to: https://vimeo.com/event/2470138

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Laura Marisa, Peter John, Simin Rostami, Elias, Emily, Ana, Norma Alcatraz, Aileen & Ryan Fritz, Reina C. Zafra, Anselma E. De Rosas, Daniel and Nayeth, Tanaili Santos, Joyce Bell-Snipes, Officer Jaime J. Roman, Corky Jordan, Jocelyn Grace, Christopher Glackens, Erick Santos, For All Souls in Purgatory, For the Deliverance Ministry and all in need of deliverance, For the intentions submitted to PrayersUniteTheWorld.org, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.

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### Declaración de la Misión de la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, agosto 10, 2021



PEREGRINACIÓN JUBILAR ARQUIDIOCESANA A LA BASÍLICA DEL SANTUARIO NACIONAL DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN WASHINGTON, DC

Esta peregrinación incluirá:

• Disponibilidad al sacramento de la penitencia y la reconciliación

• Celebración de la Santa Misa

• Devociones en honor de la Santísima Virgen María

• Tiempo para oración y reflexión en silencio.

Como lugar sagrado del jubileo, el Santuario Nacional ofrece una oportunidad para la Indulgencia del jubileo.

Se anima a las parroquias, instituciones, comunidades religiosas y escuelas a que planifiquen desde ahora su participación en este maravilloso acontecimiento jubilar de la Iglesia de Filadelfia.



Más información en breve. archphila.org/holyyear





#### REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el vigésimo quinto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. «No hay criado que pueda servir a dos amos, [...] no pueden ustedes servir a Dios y al dinero (Lucas 16:13)». El Señor nos instruye con bastante claridad en el evangelio de este domingo. Vivir la vida cristiana sin distracciones, incluyendo la insidiosa distracción del pecado, exige un enfoque singular en nuestras vidas. Este enfoque nos mantiene en compañía del Señor. El enfoque debe ser Dios. Dios es nuestro amo. Dios, y no nuestras riquezas, independientemente de la forma que adopten, debe recibir nuestra atención completa y sin distracciones como cristianos. Esta forma de vivir la vida cristiana debe ser habitual y madurar con el tiempo. Esta forma de vivir la vida cristiana es el testimonio que debemos dar a los demás, especialmente a nuestras familias y amigos. Este domingo, al escuchar la instrucción del Señor de servir solo a Dios, reflexionemos sobre cómo lo hacemos. ¿Es la oración parte de mi rutina diaria? ¿Hago un examen de conciencia cada noche? ¿Considero lo que enseña el evangelio y lo que exigen los Mandamientos en mis decisiones diarias? ¿Busco con frecuencia la virtud sobre el vicio? ¿Cómo es Dios el dueño y el centro de mi vida? La gracia de Dios nos acompaña al convertirlo en el centro de nuestra vida cristiana. ¡Tengamos confianza en nuestra decisión de ser discípulos cristianos!

La Arquidiócesis de Filadelfía honra a los miembros de la Vida Consagrada que celebran aniversarios de profesión religiosa en la Misa Solemne de hoy a las 11:00 AM. Estos sacerdotes, hermanos y hermanas representan juntos miles de años de vivir los consejos evangélicos de castidad, pobreza y obediencia al servicio de Dios y de su Iglesia. Demos gracias a Dios por los miembros de la Vida Consagrada y por todos aquellos que han influido en nuestras vidas. Pidamos al Señor que provea urgentemente a un mayor número de vocaciones a la Vida Consagrada en la Arquidiócesis. En nuestra Parroquia Catedral, estamos muy agradecidos por la vida consagrada y el ministerio del Padre Dominico Matthew Carroll, de dos Hermanas Religiosas de la Misericordia de Alma: la Hermana María Faustina y la Hermana María Rafael, así como de nuestra Visitadora Parroquial de María Inmaculada, la Hermana María Luchia.

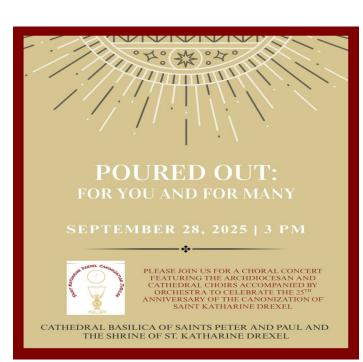
Los mendigos suelen sentirse atraídos por las reuniones en nuestra Catedral Basílica. Les aseguro que contamos con servicios para ayudar a los pobres y personas sin hogar que frecuentan la Basílica Catedral. Por favor, no les den dinero a los mendigos, ni dentro ni fuera de la Catedral Basílica. Si se les acerca un mendigo, por favor, avisen a uno de los párrocos, sacristanes o recepcionistas.

Inviten a un familiar, vecino o amigo a la Santa Misa del próximo domingo en la Basílica Catedral.

Por favor, mantengan en sus oraciones la intención de que haya paz en nuestro mundo, especialmente en las zonas más devastadas por la guerra. ¡Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz, ruega por nosotros!

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a los programas de música litúrgica de la Parroquia Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina de la Parroquia Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Consulten <a href="http://cathedralphila.org/donate/">http://cathedralphila.org/donate/</a>.

¡Que Dios los bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill Rector



#### PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY WITH OTHERS FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

#### **CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF** SAINTS PETER AND PAUL AND SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL,

18TH STREET AND THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103 PARKING IS AVAILABLE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 THE HOLY HOUR BEGINS AT 5:30 PM

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE DURING THE HOLY HOUR SUNDAY MASS FOLLOWS AT 6:30 PM

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL AND SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL IS A SACRED JUBILEE SITE

PLEASE SEE, HTTPS://ARCHPHILA.ORG/HOLYYEAR/ FOR INFORMATION ON OBTAINING THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

### CATHEDRAL BASILICA AMBASSADOR



The Cathedral Basilica conducts an evangelization ministry with the Cathedral Ambassadors. This enthusiastic group of trained ambassadors staffs the Basilica throughout the week and is comprised of volunteers from all over the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They answer questions and offer assistance to visitors who come to the Cathedral Basilica. Cathedral Ambassadors provide a personal presence in the Basilica and most importantly they put a face on the Church. They are assigned 4-hour shifts with flexible scheduled assignments of one day or more a month. Training and educational materials are provided.

Join Our Team

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### ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WASHINGTON, DC

#### T<u>his pilgrimage will include:</u>

- The celebration of Holy Mass
  Devotions in honor of the Blessed
- Time for quiet prayer and reflection
  As a Sacred Jubilee Site, the National
- Shrine offers an opportunity for the Jubilee Indulgence
- Open to any parishioner of the Cathedral Parish and any staff member of the Archdiocesan

#### Meal Information:

the way home, so participants may wish to bring money or plan accordingly.

#### Times:

from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Return to Philadelphia: Depart from Washington, D.C. at 4:30 PM



To travel with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, please visit the following link for bus and registration details:

https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=hCv69t



# 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

The battle was raging. The Arian heresy had gripped large swaths of the Church, leading many to deny the divinity of Christ. But at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, the Holy Spirit, working through the Council Fathers, definitively affirmed the Church's inerrant faith in Jesus Christ, Second Person of the Trinity, consubstantial with the Father.

Seventeen hundred years later, Christians from across the region are invited to gather as we offer our gratitude to God for His self-revelation in Jesus Christ and for the Council of Nicaea that affirmed and protected the essential truth that Jesus is God.

#### **FEATURING**

- · Proclamation of the Word of God
- Reflections offered by ecumenical leaders
- Litany of Thanksgiving with citations from the
- Sung Nicene Creed in English, Latin and

This is an Ecumenical Celebration for the Jubilee Year 2025. Please invite Christian friends and neighbors for this solemn moment of unity in

7:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of

18<sup>th</sup> Street & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy Philadelphia, PA 19103

- Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia
- Metropolitan Borys Gudziak, Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia of the Ukrainian Catholic

Free parking available in Cathedral parking lot. ~ For more information visit, archphila.org/holyyear.

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# CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL 18TH STREET AND THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIIN PARKWAY, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103 PARKING AVAILABLE



7:00 PM SUNG MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT THERESE REVEREND GERALD DENNIS GILL, RECTOR CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST

FOLLOWING HOLY MASS
PRESENTATION BY MAUREEN O'RIORDAN
INTERNATIONAL EXPERT ON SAINT THERESE

THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER AT THE SACRED RELICS OF THE MARTIN SAINTS, SAINT THERESE AND HER PARENTS, SAINTS LOUIS AND ZÉLIE MARTIN

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA IS A SACRED JUBILEE SITE FOR OBTAINING THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE RELICS OF THE MARTIN SAINTS, PLEASE SEE <u>HTTPS://CATHEDRALPHILA.ORG/RELIQUARY/</u>



The Patricians Meeting, sponsored by the Legion of Mary of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

> Why do Catholics do that? Sunday, September 28, 2025 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

1st Presenter: Ramona Milburn Spiritual Director: Sr. Mary Luchia, PVMI

There are many profound aspects of our faith that resonate deeply with Catholics. In this meeting, we will explore some of these unique and mysterious elements. Additionally, we will delve into seven lost Catholic traditions and discuss the importance of reviving them in our spiritual lives.

Location: Room 1307 Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Sandwiches, Coffee, and Donuts are provided during the Tea Break.

# Philadelphia Cathedral Basilica Young Adults

#### Rosary Group

Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 11 AM Shrine St. Katharine Drexel, Coffee afterwards

#### Theology on Tap

Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM after the 5:15 PM Mass, Drexel Hall (Cathedral Basement)

#### Bible Study

Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM, Saint John Neumann Room (Back of the Cathedral)

Join Our Discord for latest information! https://discord.gg/k4NYBv2tAH

# CELEBRATING Ner 4,500 LIVES SAVED!

For 15 years, we have been reaching women who are seeking abortions and helping them choose life through our three women's centers in Bucks County and Philadelphia.

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- Free pregnancy testing & ultrasounds
- Compassionate information session & advocacy for women who feel abortion is their only option
- Comprehensive aftercare program that provides ongoing support for at least 3 years

# Together, we can save lives!

September 20th-21st!

Join us at the annual Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser at The Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul or make a gift online to support women, children and families!



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#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BLESSING OF ANIMALS OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 10 AM & 4:30 PM



Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul (front of the Cathedral Chapel) 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway





